Urja Grtm projects in Andhra Pradesh

881. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal to provide financial assistance through Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources to take up Urja Gram Projects in 42 villages in Andhra Pradesh at the rate of one village per parliamentary constituency, during the financial year 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the amount sanctioned; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources has launched a programme in 1986-87 for establishing one Urja Gram project in each Parliamentary constituency of the country. As a first step, funds have been sanctioned to identify the most suitable village after carrying out energy surveys in each constitutency. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 2.60 lakhs has also been sanctioned to the Nodal agency for Andhra Pradesh which is now engaged with this work. Urja Gram Projects will be taken up for implementation after formulation of the proposals, depending on the availability of funds for this programme.

Technology for utilising wind energy

882. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 1375 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken for the induction/adoption of technology for the utilization of wind energy; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Steps have been taken for indigenous development and manufacture of a variety of wind energy equipment. In this connection, induction/adoption of technology for certain inputs the indigenous manufacture of wind ey equipment could be considered on it depending on the best source avai , in conformity with the overall gove ent policies.

Uniform power tariff

883. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the inister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government had advanced a oposal to all the States for having unif n power taff;

(b) if so, what are t tails of the proposals;

(c) whether the proposal as made any study about the serious gap betwee the generation cost of thermal nd hydeo-wers;

(d) whether this gap has sulted n failure in bringing unifomity in p tariff; and

(e) what has been the reaction of C ernment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN T DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN TI MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMA SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir. U der the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, t power to fix tariff for supply of electrici to various categories of consumers vests i State Electricity Board/Electricity Depart ments.

(b) to (e) Do not aise.

Karnataka power-projects

884. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government have submitted a proposal to the Central Government regarding the scheme of installing two Power Projects with the help of non-Resident Indians' investment;

(b) what are the details of these two projects;